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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA: PEACE CORPS

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MONROVIA FOR DEPT. ASST. SEC. BLAKE

1. UPON RECEIPT REFTEL, DEP. ASST. SEC. JAMES AND AF/W COUNTRY OFFICER DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH PC/W'S JOHN TORIAN AND W.W. LOVELACE RESPECTIVELY.

2. PC/W INFORMS US THAT THERE WERE TWO TURNDOWNS AND ONE LEGAL TERMINATION AMONG SEVEN PCVS ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED FOR NEW CYCLE. THE TWO PCV PUMP MECHANICS WHO ARRIVED RECENTLY WILL BE THE ONLY ONES IN THE NEW CYCLE. DECISION MADE TO HOLD BACK ON OTHER TWO ELIGIBLE PCVS (TEFL) AND TO ADOPT "LOW PROFILE" UNTIL JUNE GIVEN CURRENT SAHARA SITUATION, AND DELAY IN ARRIVAL OF NEW PCD (SEE FOLLOWING).

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PC/W HAS IMPRESSION POST WAS NOTIFIED OF THESE DEVELOP-

MENTS BUT CAN NOT RPT NOT CONFIRM. AF WAS UNAWARE OF THIS UNTIL REFTTEL RECEIVED.

3. LOVELACE INDICATES HIS ONE WEEK VISIT TO MAURITANIA IN JANUARY ENABLED HIM TO OUTLINE PC/W'S PLANS TO AMBASSADOR, WHICH ARE: (A) ELTON KING (PRESENT PC ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR), AMBASSADOR, AND PC/W AGREE KING TRANSFER TO HIS NEW POST AT EARLY STAGE IS DESIRABLE; (B) MRS. HELEN BARTZ (PC SECRETARY) HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO FSS AND WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THOSE PCVS ENDING SERVICE IN JUNE-JULY; (C) PC TRAINING COORDINATOR ROBERT WIND WILL STAY ON AFTER TRAINING CYCLE COMPLETED FOR RECENTLY ARRIVED PCVS AND WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THEM ON INTERIM BASIS; (D) MARK MADLAND (PRESENT AID CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE IN MAURITANIA) WILL ASSUME NEWLY CREATED JUNIOR FSR SLOT; AND (E) A NEW PC DIRECTOR (NOT RPT NOT ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR) OF "SEMI-HEAVYWEIGHT" QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE RECRUITED FOR SERVICE BEGINNING JUNE-JULY.

4. PC/W ASSURES US THAT CONCERNS REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 REFTTEL ARE BEING KEPT IN MIND, AND THAT PC/W IS SERIOUS ABOUT PC ACTIVITIES IN MAURITANIA AND HOPES ULTIMATELY TO HAVE FROM 15 TO POSSIBLY 20 PCVS IN-COUNTRY IF CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROGRAMS WARRANT. INGERSOLL

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